President's Message

This will be my last President's message as my term has come to an end after two years. I have enjoyed my position as President. It was actually more than I thought it would be, but I would do it again if we were not moving back to Texas. I will help our new President, Mark Mason as much as I can before we actually leave the state, as Charles Linn did for me. The club has helped me in too many ways to mention and I hope that all members are getting what they need out of it as well. After hearing some of the discussion items we had during our board retreat, I believe that Mark Mason will be a good President with new ideas that everyone will be pleased with. Please give him your support as I intend to do.

Our December 4th SAW general meeting presentation is our club’s annual presentation of toys to the Salvation Army! The Ethyl Hart Center doors will open at 6:00 PM for anyone who would like to have some set-up time to display toys that you or your friends have made. Our December general club meeting, which will officially begin at 7:00 PM sharp, we will have refreshments, and may-be even a visit from Santa Claus himself! Bring as many children, family members, and friends, to join us for some holiday cheer! Come see all the toys our club members have produced this year!

Let’s please keep the parking circle outside the Hart Center open as much as possible after dropping off items so that the Salvation Army Truck can pick up the donated presents. We will have helpers to unload in the circle and then please clear the circle for others to drop off their donations. The little girls and boys are anxiously waiting for their new wooden toys!

Time to Renew Annual Dues for our club’s 37th year! See the club treasurer at the general meeting (or pay by mail - see page 6). Not only is your 2019 SAW club membership/renewal dues tax deductible, but by having your 2019 SAW club card you get special and exclusive discounts and deals on wood, tools, machinery, books, clothing, and other products! Look inside this newsletter for further information on how to save by joining or renewing your membership with SAW!

Many items were a topic of discussion at our annual board retreat in order to make the club more fun for all. We had many ideas from this year’s survey and I think you will like the additions and changes we came up with. I want to add a few things here that we discussed for your information and clarification.

Welcome New Members

Bring a friend! Guests are always welcome.
The Sacramento Area Woodworkers, also known as SAW, is an 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is:

To provide the community an enriched educational and charitable experience through woodworking.

We also share woodworking experiences, information, instructions, plans, books, tools and lumber sources, and sharing in discounts resulting from volume buying.

2018 SAW BOARD
All listed are voting members of the Board.

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SAW Staff Members: Volunteer members who work hard to help make the club enjoyable and run smoothly.

Librarians: Bob Beckert, Norm Steinbach, Dick Grant, Joe Trevino
Toy Chairperson: Andi Brewer
Small Drawing: Holly Lovvo
Large Drawing: Judy Prichard

General Meeting Program Schedule
Dec: Presentation of Toys to the Salvation Army

2019:
Jan: Speaker: Jim Cauley - Safety
    "What I got or made for the Holidays"
Feb: Speaker: TBD
    Contest: Toys and Models

Complete list of 2019 Contests on page 7.

MEMBERSHIP
For all renewing members, the dues for SAW are $30 per calendar year (no prorated renewal). Any and all dependent family members, residing in the same address of a fully paid member, can join for an additional 50% of annual dues. As a SAW member, you will enjoy the camaraderie of fellow woodworkers, discounts from local merchants, group buys on wood, and library privileges.

New Members will be prorated for the year:

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No refunds will be given on membership dues.

The club is always looking for new members. Recommend us to all your woodworking friends!

Commercial Membership
Commercial memberships are available for $50 per year. This membership includes yearly advertising in the newsletter. Ads are to be business card size and may be changed from month to month, if desired. Contact the SAW Treasurer (See SAW Board listing above left) for more membership information.

Newsletter Items
Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor. by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. Send to Andy Volk at newsletter@sacramentoareawoodworkers.com

If SAW had a position for official photographer, the position would be assigned to Steven Hitchens. Stephen takes most, if not all, of the photos appearing in the newsletter. If you like the pictures, be sure to give Steven your thanks!

LIBRARY
Books, videos, and magazines are available *FREE* to members for one month at a time when checked out of the Library at the back of the meeting room.

Your Library will be closed in December as we will be helping to bring some cheer to those who have less than we have. Return your books at the January 8th general meeting.

Your Librarians wish You and Yours a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas.
One of the topics that we discussed was the Shop Tours. We had only one tour in 2018. We wondered whether the word "SHOP" dete-
sers some people from entering theirs. Think "workspace tours." Everyone should under-
stand that it does not make any difference if your workspace is 100 sq. ft. or 2,000 sq. ft. We all would love to have very large shops, but few can. You can show what you have so that others can see how you utilize what you have to do your own special projects.

Another idea from the retreat is combining SIG's with club projects. We think that the Novice SIG would be a perfect one to combine with the memory boxes that we build for the children’s hospital. It is a perfect vehicle for everyone to learn basic skills with which they might not be familiar and we get our memory boxes created at the same time.

We also discussed the upcoming contests (see page 7) and which ones worked and if our scheduling was correct. Many other things were discussed but I wanted to mention these few as I think they are important to be presented to the membership now. Our main goal is still to make sure we take care of our members needs and make SAW a club that serves the needed of the membership. As always, if you have suggestions you want to pass to the board members, all are open to listen to what you have to offer.

This completes the 36th year of SAW! Thank you to everyone for helping to make this an exceptional year for SAW, and for all of the good cheer and camaraderie we shared, too! It truly was another outstanding year for SAW! A special thanks as well to the volunteers that assist at every meeting with our library, raffles, meeting setup, refreshments, and other needed tasks.

If I do not see you again before this year ends, I wish you a joyous holiday season and a wonderful new year in 2019! Happy Holidays!
SIG Information

A “SIG” (Special Interest Group) is a gathering of woodworkers at a member’s workshop to discuss and do projects related to the Group’s interest. Any SAW member or guest of a SAW member may just show up at the meeting. Times and locations for each SIG is given in the Calendar on page 3.

Novice SIG  Contact person:  (Position Vacant)
There is no Novice SIG planned for December. We are working on plans to resuscitate the Novice SIG in 2019. Watch this space.

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person:  Holly Lovvo
Happy Holidays, everyone! With Thanksgiving out of the way, and Christmas coming up, I figure I would give everyone a break, and not have a formal SIG in December. If anyone needs to use, or needs help using a scroll saw, give us a call and we will set up a time to complete those last minute projects.

Our next SIG will be in January. If anyone has a topic they would like to see, or would like to have three scroll saws set up at a their location, let us know and we will do our best to make it happen. Thanks, everyone, for all your support!

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact person:  Richard and Herb Fuller
In the November Furniture SIG, We discussed the finish for the Shaker Sewing Table (see below), and the discussions started on the next project, a whiskey cabinet.

There will be a Furniture SIG meeting on December 17th at Herb Fuller’s shop to begin designing the cabinet by laying out the splayed legs.

Lathe Turning SIG  Contact person:  Jack Stellman
The lathe SIG will be on hiatus until January as Jack has too many shop projects at the moment and has to prepare for the upcoming fall craft fairs.

In the November Furniture SIG, the construction of the Shaker sewing table concluded with the application of finish, adjusting the drawers, and attaching the top.

The top is attached by a screw from below through the center of the top rail. Expansion is fixed at this point only. The top is further held on by wood clips stuck in to slots in the side aprons. These allow for wood movement in the top.

Herb uses Danish oil for his finish. The oil makes the grain pop. He applies it liberally and then wipes off the excess. He keeps wiping of the excess as it bleeds out. After drying for 24 hours, he soaks 400 grit wet-dry sandpaper in the Danish oil until it is pliable. He applies the second coat with the sandpaper, waits and then wipes off excess. After that coat dries, he applied the third coat with 600 grit paper soaked in Danish oil. After 48 hours, he uses 000 steel wool to apply a good wax, which is buffed out to a nice soft shine.

Herb also introduced his next project, a whiskey cabinet for his son. It stands 51” tall on 35” legs that splay slightly at the bottom. It has two doors that open to a storage area and a draw with inlay that can be pulled out as a serving surface and can act as a place to store whiskey serving paraphernalia. Herb showed how he bent thin wooden strips to trace out the curve and splay of the legs. He will be covering more about the design and layout next time.
Bob Beckert (left) gave a talk on how he takes card stock and makes holiday cards on his scroll saw. He had some wonderful examples of cards at the meeting (lower left). The process while exacting, is quite straightforward and would yield you a personal and unique card to send to family and friends. Two examples are shown at right, both using the same pattern. One is cut cardstock and the other used thin plywood (hand cancelling and extra postage required for this).

The directions he provided for making the cards is on the SAW website under “Projects” There is a link on the home page.

Ernie Buda turned four serving platters from hickory and cherry, walnut and birch, walnut and oak, and Sapele.

Dan Burgess made a hippo-shaped, toy rattle based on photos from Andi Brewer. He has drawings of fish and teddy bear versions, too.

Bruce Muramoto turned his first pen while manning the SAW booth at the California State Fair. Now he is hooked. He brought in these samples of his work.
Membership Renewal Drive

It is that time again! Renewals are due in January 2019. Please help by mailing in the form early. This will save you time waiting in long lines, and ease our new Treasurer’s stress! A win-win all the way around! And consider e-mail delivery of the newsletter to get everything in color, get the web links at a click of a mouse, save paper, and save the club over $18.50 per year in printing and postage.

If you renew at the General Meeting, go to the Treasurer's table at the right side of the room and check your information on the members list there. If the information is correct, initial the line, inform the Treasurer that it is correct and pay your dues. No paperwork. If the information is not correct, please fill in the EZ Renewal form below and turn that in with your dues. Remember, your dues are tax deductible!

All renewals will be issued a new membership card. All renewing members are encouraged to turn in their old cards for a chance to win a free membership in the March 2019 General Meeting! The winner will be refunded their dues for the 2019 calendar year!

Note: There is now an option to have only your name published in the membership list that is available to other members on request.

Membership Application

January to December

EZ Renewal

Make your check payable to: “SAW” or Sacramento Area Woodworkers

SAW Use Only:
Membership: [ ] Individual [ ] Family
Amount Paid: [ ] $30 [ ] $45
[ ] Check [ ] Cash

Member Information

SAW Use only:
New Card Number: ____________________

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Do we need to update your Information? If so please let us know what is new:

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________________ State: _________ Zip: ______________

Phone Number ☑: (_____) ____________________________

E-mail ☑: ____________________________
(Necessary to receive electronic SAW Newsletter, updates and other notices)

Check box to withhold publishing Address, Phone and E-mail in membership list: [ ]

If you get the Newsletter as a hardcopy and want to save the Club money by getting by E-mail, check here. [ ]
Toy Time

Well, here we are at the end of another year. 2018 was very busy and productive. On December 4th, the Salvation Army will be receiving our beautiful hand made toys. (See photos below.)

I want to thank all those who have participated at our Woodcraft toy workshop this past year. Many learned skills with scroll saws, belt sanders, routers, bandsaw, drill press, belt and disc sanders, and the chop saw. We are very fortunate that there are so many in the group who are experts with these tools. These members, and you know who you are, have helped me and others who are still working to improve their skills. The knowledge which is shared with all of our participants is such a value of the club experience.

Please come join us next year for fun, education, and experience on the equipment as we build toys. Woodcraft Sacramento hosts our workshop from 10AM to 1PM on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. So put it on your calendar and we will see you in January.

ANDI Brewer

Contests for 2019

Feb  “Toys and Models”
Apr  “2 x 4”
Jun  “Put a Lid in It”
Aug  “Jigs and Fixtures for the Shop”
Oct  “Something for the Kitchen”

Classified Ads

SAW members have been coming up with many great ideas, such as how to network with other members outside of SIGs, or creating ways to borrow set-up tools. Might we suggest using the classified ad section?

Ads can be run for more than one month. Just contact us each month and let us know the ad is still valid. Remember, you must be a member to take advantage of our free ad space!

Cool Websites to check out:

Share your favorite woodworking related websites here!
Contact Andy Volk.